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1. WE HAVE PREPARED FOLLOWING OUTLINE OF ALGERIA'S GOALS, STRATEGY AND LIKELY TACTICS IN SPANISH SAHARA. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED ALSO TO DIVINE ALGERIAN MOTIVES, BUT ALGERIAN POLITICAL CIRCLES TIGHTLY CLOSED. CURRENT SPECULATION ABOUT DESIRE FOR PUPPET SAHARAN STATE AND ATLANTIC WINDOW, ABOUT PLOTS TO PRESSURE CANARY ISLANDS AND SPAIN, ABOUT IDEOLOGICAL OPPOSITION TO MOROCCAN REGIME, ABOUT WISH TO BLOCK MOROCCO FROM BLACK AFRICA AND ABOUT DESIRE TO REFOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES WOULD SEEM TO BE FROSTING ON CAKE TO US. WE TEND TO BELIEVE PRIMARY ALGERIAN MOTIVATION IS SIMPLY TO KEEP MOROCCO FROM GETTING SAHARA, THUS LIMITING MOROCCAN POTENTIAL AS MAGHREB RIVAL, BUT WE ADMIT ALGERIAN THINKING REMAINS PRETTY OPAQUE.

2. GOAL. INDEPENDENT SAHARA STATE UNDER ALGERIAN INFLUENCE.

3. STRATEGY. ALLOW TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS AT UN AND IN ARAB AFRICAN THIRD WORLD NONALIGNED CIRCLES ON ASSUMPTIONS:
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A. TIME AND EXPERT ALGERIAN ASSISTANCE WILL ALLOW FRONT

POLISARIO TO DEVELOP;

B. ALGERIAN WILL HAVE ADVANTAGE OVER MOROCCANS AND MAURITANIANS IN THESE FORA BECAUSE OF ALGERIAN LEADERSHIP ROLE AND EXPERIENCE IN THESE CIRCLES, AND RECORD OF SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION GROUPS AND OTHER SUCH CAUSES.

4. TACTICS.

A. CURRENT SITUATION

(1) DO NOTHING TO HASTEN SPANISH WITHDRAWAL;

(2) PRESS FOR DISCUSSIONS IN VARIOUS FORA;

(3) MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT FORCE IN TINDOUF AREA TO SUPPORT FRONT POLISARIO AND TO KEEP ALGERIAN PRESENCE IN FOREFRONT MOROCCAN MINDS;

(4) BUILD UP FRONT POLISARIO AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE BY INCREASING ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND ATTEMPTING TO GIVE IT INTERNATIONAL RESPECTABILITY;

(5) REITERATE LOUDLY AND PIOUSLY SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND ANTI-COLONIALISM IN ACCORD WITH UN CHARTER AND APPROPRIATE UN RESOLUTIONS;

(6) CULTIVATE MAURITANIAN SUPPORT AND NOURISH THEIR SUSPICIONS OF MOROCCANS.

B. SHOULD SPAIN WITHDRAW AND MOROCCO MOVE:

(1) REQUEST SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO CALL FOR MOROCCAN WITHDRAWAL, FOR DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLY FOR DISPATCH OF UN MILITARY FORCE TO AREA;

(2) ASK FOR EMERGENCY MEETINGS OF BOTH ARAB LEAGUE AND THE OAU TO SEEK CONDEMNATION OF MOROCCAN IMPERIALIST COLONIALIST AGGRESSION;

(3) NOT CONFRONT MOROCCO MILITARILY BUT PERHAPS MOVE SOME DISTANCE INTO SPANISH SAHARA IN ORDER TO RETAIN STATUS AS INTERESTED PARTY;

(4) INCREASE SUPPORT TO FRONT POLISARIO WHICH WILL IN TURN HARASS MOROCCANS IN SAHARA:

(5) ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF FRONT POLISARIO AS LEGITIMATE LIBERATION MOVEMENT.

(6) ENCOURAGE INTERNAL OPPOSITION TO AND SUBVERSION OF HASSAN REGIME;

(7) RATTLE SABRES ON ALGERO-MOROCCAN BORDER.
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